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Summer Safety Message

The summer heat has naturally attracted large numbers of people to area lakes to cool off and relax. These rising temperatures, however, have contributed to an increase in water related fatalities. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is asking you to protect yourself and the people you love by thinking about water safety. Colonel Donald R. Curtis, Kansas City District Commander is concerned about a recent rash of water related accidents and urges all visitors to the lakes to use caution when boating or swimming. It only takes one foolish mistake to end a pleasurable outing in tragedy. It's a proven fact that more than 90% of all drowning victims were not wearing a life jacket. The use of alcohol and an overestimation of swimming or boating skills are also major contributors to the accident equation. Please don't set yourself up for a deadly surprise this summer, take water safety seriously.